



Community Matters

CACD Helping People to Help Themselves

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We had a fantastic morning at our planter workshop with Jenny McGetrick, where everyone got involved in building their own wooden planters from scratch. Using a variety of hand tools, participants learned how to measure, saw, drill and assemble the timber, gaining new practical woodworking skills and plenty of confidence along the way.



When the planters were finished, we moved to the community garden to fill them with beautiful flowers. Each planter was unique and reflected the creativity of the person who made it. A wonderful morning of learning new skills, working together and enjoying great company was had with a huge thank you to The Co-Ownership Community Fund for funding this fantastic workshop and helping us bring people together to learn, create and grow.

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CACD was delighted to attend the final **Circle of Learning Project 2026** event at the Navan Centre, Armagh.

The event brought participating groups together to celebrate the project, reflect on their experiences and share the learning and connections made throughout the programme.

We would like to thank Cooperation Ireland for their funding and support, which made this project possible, and all the groups who took part for their commitment and valuable contributions. It was a fantastic project that encouraged collaboration, shared learning and lasting community connections.



Clay Workshop

We had a wonderful evening at our Clay Workshop, led by Roberta Campbell from 'At the Clay House'. Everyone enjoyed working with clay and designing their own unique trays, each reflecting their individual style and imagination.

The workshop was a fantastic opportunity not only to explore a new craft but also to bring people together, helping to strengthen friendships and build confidence through creativity. Events like these provide valuable opportunities for people to connect, learn something new, and enjoy a positive shared experience.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to *The Co-Ownership Community Fund* for generously supporting this event. Their ongoing support helps us create inclusive opportunities that encourage wellbeing, social connection, and personal development.

A special thank you also goes to Roberta Campbell for delivering such an enjoyable and inspiring workshop. We look forward to offering more creative events like this in the future and continuing to bring our community together through arts and crafts.



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Whats On



Jewellery Making Workshop



Thursday 6th
August

7-9pm

Millennial Court,
Portadown

Join us for a relaxed and creative evening making bracelets, necklaces and keyrings

£10 per ticket
Scan to Book your place



BRITISH LEGION TREASURE HUNT

WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST

CARS LEAVING LEGION HALL
FROM 7PM

Everyone Welcome!



New Funding Secured by CACD

CACD are delighted to have received funding from the Irish Government's Reconciliation Fund, administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs, for our new project, 250 Years of American Independence:

Shared Histories, Shared Futures.

Launching with an information event in mid-September and running throughout the winter months.

Through engaging discussions and activities, participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the connections between our histories, cultures, and communities while building understanding and looking towards shared futures.

We are grateful for the support of the Reconciliation Fund in making this exciting project possible. Look out for more information and details on how to get involved in our September newsletter.



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The Community Awards 2026

Organised by ABC Council, the Community Awards feature 11 categories that shine a spotlight on local volunteers, groups and champions who make a real difference every day. Nominations are now open!

Deadline for nominations: 12 noon Friday 21 August 2026
https://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/resident/community_awards/

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The Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme



The Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme is now open for applications. The scheme supports community projects across Northern Ireland that strengthen local communities and relationships with policing partners.

Organisations with eligible projects are encouraged to apply. Full eligibility details and application forms are available on the Police Property Fund website.

Closing date: 12 October 2026.



National Churches Large Grants Programme

The Large Grants Programme offers grants of up to £50,000 to help churches, chapels, meeting houses and cathedrals with:

- Major repairs – urgent structural repair projects costing over £80,000.
- Improved facilities – installing or upgrading a kitchen and/or accessible toilet for projects costing over £30,000.

You can find full details on the application process and eligibility criteria by visiting the grant webpages, where you'll also find the online application form.

Applications are now open.

Deadline: Tuesday 3 November 2026



Electrical Safety First Funding

Rolling Funding



The Electrical Safety Fund supports organisations and community groups delivering projects that reduce electrical risks in homes, particularly for vulnerable households. The fund provides grants for activities such as electrical product testing, repair and replacement events, educational workshops, awareness campaigns, and home safety interventions, helping to prevent electrical accidents, reduce domestic fire risks, and improve electrical safety across communities.

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